

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-9 (canceled).

10. (previously presented): A rechargeable nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery comprising a positive electrode which can be doped with lithium ions and de-doped of lithium ions, a nonaqueous electrolyte solution and a negative electrode, wherein a negative electrode active material consists essentially of a carbon material including at least two components:

- (a) flake graphite particles; and
- (b) a non-flake graphite material whose surface is covered with amorphous carbon.

11. (previously presented): The nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery according to claim 10, wherein a ratio of (a) said flake graphite particles is within a range of 10 to 70 wt% of all the carbon materials.

12. (previously presented): The nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery according to claim 10, wherein the specific surface area of (b) said non-flake graphite material whose surface is covered with amorphous carbon is within a range of $0.3 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ to $3 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$.

13. (previously presented): The nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery according to claim 11, wherein the specific surface area of (b) said non-flake graphite material whose surface is covered with amorphous carbon is within a range of $0.3 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ to $3 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$.

14. (previously presented): The nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery according to claim 12, wherein (b) said non-flake graphite material whose surface is covered with amorphous carbon is obtained by graphitizing mesocarbon microbeads.

15. (previously presented): The nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery according to claim 13, wherein (b) said non-flake graphite material whose surface is covered with amorphous carbon is obtained by graphitizing mesocarbon microbeads.

16. (previously presented): The nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery according to claim 10, wherein a weight average particle diameter of (a) said flake graphite particles is within

a range of 10 μm to 80 μm .

17. (previously presented): The nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery according to claim 11, wherein a weight average particle diameter of (a) said flake graphite particles is within a range of 10 μm to 80 μm .

18. (previously presented): The nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery according to claim 16, wherein (a) said flake graphite particles are artificial graphite obtained from petroleum pitch or coal pitch as a raw material.

19. (previously presented): The nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery according to claim 17, wherein (a) said flake graphite particles are artificial graphite obtained from petroleum pitch or coal pitch as a raw material.

20. (previously presented): The nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery according to claim 10, wherein said carbon material consists solely of (a) said flake graphite particles, and (b) said non-flake graphite material whose surface is covered with amorphous carbon.

21. (previously presented): The nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery according to claim 11, wherein said carbon material consists solely of (a) said flake graphite particles, and (b) said non-flake graphite material whose surface is covered with amorphous carbon.

22. (previously presented): The nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery according to claim 12, wherein said carbon material consists solely of (a) said flake graphite particles, and (b) said non-flake graphite material whose surface is covered with amorphous carbon.

23. (previously presented): The nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery according to claim 13, wherein said carbon material consists solely of (a) said flake graphite particles, and (b) said non-flake graphite material whose surface is covered with amorphous carbon.

24. (previously presented): The nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery according to claim 16, wherein said carbon material consists solely of (a) said flake graphite particles, and (b) said non-flake graphite material whose surface is covered with amorphous carbon.

25. (previously presented): The nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery according to claim 17, wherein said carbon material consists solely of (a) said flake graphite particles, and (b)

said non-flake graphite material whose surface is covered with amorphous carbon.

26. (original): A method for manufacturing a nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery, said method comprising steps of:

applying a slurry onto a current collector; the slurry comprising (a) flake graphite particles, (b) a non-flake graphite material whose surface is covered with amorphous carbon, a binder, and a dispersion medium;

drying the slurry; and

compressing the dried slurry by the application of a pressure.

27. (original): The method for manufacturing a nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery according to claim 26, wherein a ratio of (a) said flake graphite particles is within a range of 10 to 70 wt% of all carbon materials in the slurry.

28. (canceled).